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1. The Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) in the Federal District, through the intermediary of one of its auxiliary organizations the illegal Uniao Sindical dos Trabalhadores do Distrito Federal (Syndical Union of Workers of the Federal District--USTDF), has started a new movement among the working classes in Rio de Janeiro to organize "Comissoes de Salario" (Salary Commissions) in all the city's commercial and industrial establishments.
2. The Political Police are of the opinion that the PCB intends in this way to reform the Party network, which greatly suffered when the Party was outlawed. It is also believed that these groups are being established in accordance with plans made at the CTAL Conference in Montevideo, and that their activity follows the lines decided upon at both this conference and at the Stockholm meeting of the World Committee of Partisans of Peace. One of their principal aims is to disrupt the work of the labor syndicates, the majority of which are led by persons linked with the Ministry of Labor. [REDACTED] the movement is already achieving satisfactory success and that the effects will be felt to a greater extent when the syndical elections start.
3. Among the more important of the Comissoes already organized are those among the bank, insurance, port and utility workers. All meetings of these groups are held in the offices of O Radical at Avenida Rio Branco, 175, Rio, permission having been granted by the paper's director George Galvao. Galvao originally allowed his premises to be used for the purpose of discussing salary increases, however, as he has political aspirations and allegedly hopes to obtain electoral support from the PCB, he continues to permit the meetings.
4. The police have ascertained the names of some of the members of the various Comissoes by a process of deduction, but are encountering considerable difficulty in their efforts to compile a complete list such as they would require for an efficient repression of this movement in the future. In the first

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place, the notices in the newspapers concerning the meetings are always signed merely "a Comissao." Secondly, the Comissoes are clandestine groups whose members are not even known to members of the legal syndicates of the various establishments. Thirdly, as the meetings of the Comissoes are held in newspaper offices, the police, in order to interfere, would require high-level authorization, which thus far has not been forthcoming. Finally, Galvao has instructed his staff to maintain a strict guard over the meetings and to refuse admission to anyone not personally identified by members of the particular Comissao.